



## Trouble Shooting

*If you applied this section to the way you thought and lived out your marriage, why would submit and submission no longer be bad words to be avoided?*

*If the goal of marriage is the 2 becoming one, where would you like to experience greater oneness with your spouse?*

*So often we say that a great marriage starts by finding the right person. In this section, Paul would argue that it is more important to “be the right person” in your marriage. What are you doing to be that right person in your marriage . . . with your children . . . and in your family?*

- ▶ *What are some ways a child in your home would practice obedience?*
- ▶ *What are some ways a father might bring up his child in the “training and instruction of the Lord?”*
- ▶ *What qualities do you think would characterize a home where verses 1-4 were really practiced?*

### **Closing Prayer**

*Loving Father, you are the creator and designer of marriage and family. May I share your love more and more with my spouse and children so that everyone is blessed and we all live with you as the true head of our household. In Jesus name. amen.*

## Owners Manual For Our Personal Walk with Jesus

*Ephesians 5:21-6:4  
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### Assembling

### Life in Family

*Sit down and read Ephesians 5:21-6:3*

*Now Paul changes direction and focus. Now he is addressing marriage and the family. Here too, there is to be a marked difference in how husbands and wives relate to one another and to their children.*

*My first reaction to this reading is . . . .*

*What are 3 or 4 key words in this reading?*

- ▶ *What type of false teaching must have been going on for Paul to issue the warning of verses 5 and 6?*

### Operating Instructions

*Go back and read 5:3-5, what attitudes about sex and marriage might Paul have to address here?*

*In recent years, people have taken great objection to vs. 21. What do you think is the objection?*

- ▶ *How can verse 21 be misused?*
- ▶ *How can verse 21 be used in a way that becomes a blessing?*
- ▶ *Again, given 5:3-5, why does Paul address husbands the way he does? (vs. 25)*
- ▶ *What specifically does Paul say is involved in this type of love? (vs. 25b-30)*
- ▶ *What do you see as the parallels in the counsel to husbands and wives?*

*In your own words, write the goal of Christian marriage that is given in verse 31.*